

LOCAL ITEMS.

Mr. Carleton has delivered up the keys and books of the office of Judge of Probate to Mr. A. B. Addison, his successor.

Gen. Hampton has issued an address to the people calling upon them to pay a tax equal to one-tenth that paid last year.

At a meeting of the Cabinet on Tuesday it was decided to let the disputed Southern States alone.

The treasurer of Orangeburg County has surrendered his office to a newly appointed man without a word as to who is Governor.

It is funny how a man who failed to get re-elected or re-appointed refuses to recognize Mr. Chamberlain as Governor or while his successor, be he Republican or Democrat, if he holds a commission from Mr. Chamberlain, contends that it is good.

Owing to the scarcity of money they propose to hold no court in Camden County in January.

A bill recently introduced in Congress the grade of Port Royal is put down as a naval station of the fourth class and is to be commanded by a Commodore.

Abram P. Jenkins was before the Congressional committee in Charleston last week and told his experience as a democratic candidate.

The Democratic County Executive committee met here on Tuesday evening last but we are not informed as to any important action taken by it.

Our partner went down to Hilton Head last week in quest of game and showed his good marksmanship by killing two deer, by what is called a "right and left shot," that is, he shot them both without changing his position.

Individuals having any old scores to settle with the editor will be referred to Mr. Wallace who is as good a shot to-day as he was last week.

Congressman Smalls left for Washington last Friday. He has been for seven days in attendance upon the Congressional committee before whom he was summoned to testify as to his knowledge of intimidation and fraud in this region.

Mr. Paul Crippen, for several years a resident of St. Helena, has left for the north, where he thinks he can engage in a more profitable and agreeable pursuit than raising Sea Island cotton.

The members of the Washington Engine Company who have been on duty at Port Royal for the past few days have suffered severely from the cold, and from exposure have become pretty well hoarse, and might be mistaken for regular old salts.

Dyspepsia is said to be the remorse of a guilty stomach.

Many persons who have been receiving this paper free will find that (by omission or course) their paper will fail to reach them this week.

In the United States Court in Charleston on Tuesday in the case of F. W. Schepher and Charles Stevens, versus the schooner Meta, her tackle, apparel and furniture, libel for salvage, an order was signed on motion on Wm. Elliott and Bust & Bust, ordering the sale of the schooner Meta at Beaufort, on the 16th January.

The coroner's jury on the body of young Walter, who was killed in the Charleston riots, which has been in session ever since November 9th rendered a verdict on Saturday last that "the deceased, E. H. Walter, came to his death on the 8th of November, 1876, in Meeting street near Broad, by a shot fired from a rifle in the hands of a colored policeman to the jury unknown."

The plantation with an elegant mansion on St. Helena Island lately occupied by Mr. P. Crippen is offered in another column for rent.

Our old friend Kingman, late proprietor of the Sea Island Hotel, has embarked in the market business in Washington, and from the wide awake circular issued by him we observe the energy and zeal for which he was noted while here.

Our better half awoke us at an early hour yesterday morning to inform us that she had invented a pun. It was as follows: "We are to have a new President next March, not Til-den." Of course we said it was splendid, and smiled and pulled the covers over our ears and dreamed that we were to have a fair count.

A daring robbery was committed last Saturday evening at the store of Mr. Jas. E. Boyce. Mr. Boyce had just made up his cash account and placed his money in a tin box, which he keeps for the purpose, when he was called into the back part of the store, when a man, who had no doubt been watching, stepped over and seized the box and escaped. A boy in the store had seen the theft committed and gave the alarm and called Joseph Robinson, policeman, who had seen the man cross the street and started in pursuit and after a long run captured the thief and recovered over \$90 of the money, a small amount being still missing. The thief was brought before trial justice Carleton and committed to jail. He is from Colleton county and seemed to be known to none of our citizens.

Burglars Arrested.

The men who engineered the Combahee riots have organized themselves into a band of burglars and have been preying on the country stores in the same vicinity that was disturbed by their operations last fall. Among the stores robbed are Bowman and Nehemiah, B. C. Adams and Henry M. Fuller. When the store of Adams was robbed the thieves first fired on the watchman who fired back but he was driven away and the door being too strong the house was broken open by cutting a hole in the side when the place was sacked and goods worth \$250 stolen. Some of the goods were afterward recovered by Sheriff Wilson and returned to Mr. Adams.

The chief of the gang is Peter Holmes, the murderer of Matthews at Coosaw, who has been reported dead for some time. His confederates are three of his brothers and two cousins, six in all. The Sheriff got on their track last Friday captured all but Holmes and lodged them in jail. In searching the houses of the men arrested a large lot of stolen goods were recovered and when the goods were identified were returned to the owners. In one of the houses was found a Parker gun the property of Holmes which was supposed to have been stolen and is now in the possession of the Sheriff who will deliver it to any one proving ownership. He thinks that it was likely stolen in Charleston as Holmes has been living in that city for some time. Bowman's loss by the robbery was about \$300, the most of which was recovered.

Sheriff's Sales.

On Tuesday last the sheriff sold the lands of R. G. Holmes consisting of about 6,500 acres, together with the steam saw mill and fixtures at Abbeeda. Mr. Lockwood made a bid of \$6,000 which was raised to \$7,000 at which figure the whole property was sold to E. P. Fitts and S. J. Holmes. There is a mortgage of \$2,157 on the property with interest due for four years. This is the largest sale of lands made by the sheriff in a long time and the friends of Mr. Holmes will be glad to know that he will remain in possession of it. The next sale was 1600 acres known as the "Black Creek" place, sold to A. and L. Youmans for \$600. The house and lot in Brunson was bought by the same parties for \$345. 20 acres of land on Port Royal island belonging to Charles Talbird were sold to Richard Washington for \$15. The "Woodward Place" and "Pigeon Swamp" were sold to J. G. Barnwell, at \$100. The other pieces advertised were not offered.

Thursday night last, the steam saw and grist mill and cotton gin of Sheriff Tindall, at Privateer, Sumter County, was burned with the contents, consisting of a small quantity of cotton, and the seed from eighty-seven bales of cotton. The loss is estimated at about \$2,300. The fire is thought to have been of incendiary origin.

A lady possessing two canaries named respectively Wheeler and Wilson, being asked why she chose such names, replied, because neither was a Singer.

Last Thursday the gin of Mr. Wm. H. Steinmeyer, in Sumter County, took fire by accident while in operation, and was destroyed.

Marine Intelligence.

CLEARED, ST. HELENA SOUND. Dec. 27th. Br. Bk. Devon, Welton, master for Newcastle, Eng. with 584 tons phosphate rock from Coosaw mines.

Dec. 28th. Br. Bk. Magdala, Lowrie master for London with 625 tons of phosphate rock from Pacific mines.

Dec. 27th. Br. Bk. Tawa, George master, 16 days from Georgetown, British Guiana, in ballast to Campbell Wylie and Co.

Schr. Dora B. French from this port for Boston, with lumber, put into Nassau, December, 18, leaking, with loss of mainboom and sails.

The following vessel were at the ports named board for Hull and Coosaw Rivers. Ship Siskomer, Ryde, Dec. 19. Irals, Eastbourne, Eng. Dec. 9. Irls, Hull, England, Dec. 13.

Arrived Dec. 28th. Schr. Mair Cranmer, Capt from Philadelphia, guano to Railroad.

Dec. 28th. Schr. Elwood Doran, Capt. Warrenton with guano from Philadelphia.

Dec. 28th. Schr. J. H. DeWolf, Capt. Thatcher from Boston with guano to Railroad.

PORT ROYAL NEWS.

The Railroad company have erected lamps on the dock to guide night pedestrians in the right track.

During the present season 12,000 tons of guano have been received at Port Royal. There are now in store about 8,000 tons.

One hundred feet of dock room is being built, extending North. Messrs. Duncan and Devlin are the contractors. It is intended to extend the wharf still farther as fast as it can be built until accommodations are provided for the shipping.

Mr. O. F. Duke came up to Beaufort on Tuesday evening in a buggy and on arriving at the junction of the shell road his horse became unmanageable and after kicking the buggy to pieces ran away making a wreck of the establishment. Mr. Duke received a kick in the back which hurt him severely, and a lady who was with him was considerably bruised.

Mr. Wilkins is making arrangements to resume business and will soon be found ready again to serve his customers.

The laundry is not now running. A good man might find a profitable business in starting this establishment and attending to it properly.

The Railroad company have erected several more sheds to accommodate the immense quantities of phosphate and guano bought to this port, and have been obliged to refuse several cargoes because of their want of room for its storage. Another season will find them prepared for all that comes along.

Port Royal might properly be called the "Guano Port." Everything in full sheds, houses, ears, noses and some of the citizens even say it gets into their hash.

The following vessels are now at the Railroad wharves:

Schr. A. G. Bently, for Baltimore, loading with lumber from R. P. Rundie.

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Schr. C. F. Hyer, for New York, loading with lumber from R. P. Rundie.

Schr. Edward Doran, discharging guano to Railroad company.

Schr. Olive Crosby, from Nevasa, W. I. discharging guano to Railroad company.

Br. Bark Kate, with machinery from Middleborough England for South Pittsburg Tenn. Discharging.

Schr. Mair and Cranmer with guano, from Philadelphia to Railroad company discharging.

Schr. J. H. DeWolf, with guano from Boston to Railroad Co., discharging.

Ship Harvey Mills, on fire.

Mr. H. W. Wilkins has given us the following card for publication:

"I take this opportunity to extend my thanks to the citizens of Port Royal for their hearty and willing assistance in saving and preserving the goods that escaped the flames, and hope soon to be able to show my appreciation. I hope to receive the continued patronage so valuable in the past. H. W. WILKINS."

The cargo of the Harvey Mills was insured in the Atlantic Mutual, British and Foreign and North American Insurance Co. of Philadelphia. 150 bales belonging to a Manchester spinner is not known to be insured.

Dr. Brisbane has removed his printing establishment from Brunson to Port Royal and threatens to issue a paper. It will no doubt be a weekly.

The water boat of Messrs. Dick and Small, the Agnes, has done noble service in throwing water on the Harvey Mills. The pumps have been going ever since last Thursday morning without a rest, and although the danger now seems to be all over, she is still at work. The owners have been constantly on hand and will no doubt be well rewarded in the shape of salvage for their services.

Mr. A. F. Hall, mail agent on the railroad, has opened a store at Port Royal with a very creditable stock. He will no doubt find it to his interest to advertise.

In the burning of Wilkins' store Dr. Thompson, health officer, lost a large part of his bachelor fixings, as he had a room in the building.

The Port Royal compressing company represented by the genial Rogers, has had a profitable season but the machinery refused to work during the holidays and is taking a rest till next week.

The Pilot Boy was engaged on the fire on the Harvey Mills, and rendered valuable assistance with her powerful machinery in throwing water as well as assisting to tow the vessel up to the wharf.

The business offering to the Railroad company is now far beyond their capacity although several new cars and one engine have been purchased and trains are kept running night and day. New purchases will soon enable them to meet all demands.

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